

**Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the
County of Monterey, State of California**

Resolution No.:

Adopt Resolution Celebrating **Salinas Valley Health** on Their 70 Years of Service to the Residents of Salinas and Monterey County.

WHEREAS, Planning for **Salinas Valley Health** began around 1941 when local businessman Bruce Church began fundraising efforts and donated land on which the hospital was built; more than 175 civic leaders, many in the agriculture industry, responded with overwhelming support; and

WHEREAS, President Dwight D. Eisenhower sent a telegram to Bruce Church on March 29, 1953, the day of the dedication, recognizing the new \$3.3 million hospital as “an admirable example of local self-reliance and initiative”; and

WHEREAS, **Salinas Valley Health** opening date was April 20, 1953, bringing a new class of medical service to the people of Monterey County, with the first surgery taking place one day prior to opening day; and

WHEREAS, **Salinas Valley Health** has earned eight consecutive “A” grades for hospital safety from the national consumer reporting organization, The Leapfrog Group; and

WHEREAS, The 263-bed acute care medical center employs more than 2,000 people and has a medical staff of more than 300 board-certified physicians; and

WHEREAS, **Salinas Valley Health** has numerous areas of specialty providing care for all stages of life including a Level III neonatal intensive care unit along with nationally recognized maternity care, cardiac care, and cancer care; and

WHEREAS, In 2021, **Salinas Valley Health** Achieved Magnet Recognition®, which is considered the gold standard of nursing from the American Nurses Credentialing Center that is earned by fewer than 10% of hospitals nationwide; and

WHEREAS, **Salinas Valley Health** receives approximately 50,000 emergency visit and sees about half a million patients annually through their **Salinas Valley Health** Clinics; and

WHEREAS, **Salinas Valley Health** Mobile Clinic provides preventive and primary care free of charge and with no questions asked to people who are uninsured and/or live in areas of Monterey County without easy access to medical service; and

WHEREAS, **Salinas Valley Health** has partnered with institutions of higher education such as Hartnell and California State University Monterey Bay to help develop the next generation of healthcare leaders; and

WHEREAS, **Salinas Valley Health** continues to uphold its mission to provide quality healthcare to its patients and to improve the health and well-being of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, hereby congratulates **Salinas Valley Health** for their 7 decades of dedicated service to the residents of Salinas and Monterey County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2023, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book _____ for the meeting on _____, 2023.

Dated:

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California.

By _____
Deputy